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In accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, Applicant requests that citation and examination of the following documents be made during the course of examination of the above-referenced application for United States Letters Patent.

AL German OS 198 07 884

AR Pschyrembel Klinisches Wörterbuch, de Gruyter, 1990,
256th Edition, p. 375

EXPLANATION OF RELEVANCE

The above references were cited by the German Patent and Trademark Office during examination proceedings for the German application corresponding to the present United States application. Each of these references also was identified and discussed at page 1 of the present specification. Translations of these references are not readily available to the Applicant, however, the aforementioned statements in the specification constitute a summary of their teachings.

Copies of each of the above references together with Form 1449 are submitted herewith.

This Information Disclosure Statement is being submitted within three months of the filing date of the present application, and is thus in compliance with 37 C.F.R. §1.97(b)(1), and therefore no fee is necessary.

All claims of the application are submitted to be patentable over the teachings of the above references, taken singly or in combination. Early consideration of the application is therefore respectfully requested.

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